

New Jersey Department of State

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission

## Scholarship Application

### Purpose

New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program was established in October of 1999. Scholarships in the amount of up to \$1000 are awarded annually to college students who have demonstrated an active interest and meaningful involvement in areas of human rights, social justice, labor, and world peace; and who intend to pursue academic and/or career paths that would enable them to further these causes as future leaders. Students must demonstrate knowledge of Dr. King's legacy and life's work and must be able to show how their academic pursuits reflect the ideals that Dr. King has come to symbolize. **The person making the nomination must submit this application packet, not the student.** ***The nominator may not be a relative of the student.***

### Mission Statement

The mission of the **New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission** is to raise public awareness of Dr. King's ideals and philosophy. This includes:

- Maintaining a commitment to preserving constitutional freedoms for all Americans.
- Assisting all components of American society to embrace Dr. King's messages on achieving social justice through nonviolent activism.
- Celebrating our diversity and promoting education as well as accepting and appreciating others.
- Helping youth make a difference in their lives and inspiring them to contribute to the well being of their families, schools, communities, and government.
- Encouraging the citizens of New Jersey to recognize their commonalties and to appreciate the potential strength of the racial, ethnic and cultural diversity that so richly enhances our great state and nation.

### Eligibility

For the 2004-2005 academic year, King Scholars are eligible if they:

- Are enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university in the State of New Jersey at the time of award.
- Show evidence that they intend to pursue a course of study in social work, labor, history, political science, divinity or religion, sociology, psychology, or other fields that will enable them to further the causes championed by Dr. King.
- Have attained a ***minimum cumulative G.P.A of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.***
- Have demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, and/or co-curricular activities.
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Have permanent resident status in New Jersey at time of award (i.e., the nominee's permanent home address is in New Jersey).
- Will have successfully completed 48 credits by June 1, 2004.
- Graduating seniors must provide a letter of acceptance and written proof of enrollment from the school they plan to attend.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The complete nomination packet must include the following:

- One (1) Nomination Form
- One (1) Student Personal Information Form
- Two (2) Essays from Student (one in hard copy and one on a 3 ½ floppy disk using Microsoft Word)
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (one from the nominator and one from someone who knows the student's academic and/or community service achievements and accomplishments. Neither recommendation should be from a member of the student's family.)
- Written proof of full-time enrollment
- One (1) **official** academic transcript
- One (1) copy of Fall 2004 registration
- One list of extracurricular activities

**The Completed Nomination Packet  
must be received in the Commission's office no later than  
April 12, 2004**

**Nominations will not be considered after the deadline.**

**The nomination packet can be accessed via the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative  
Commission Web site: [www.njmlkcommission.com](http://www.njmlkcommission.com)**

Send completed nomination to:

New Jersey Department of State  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission  
Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 456  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0456  
**(Faxed information will not be accepted)**

For more information about the New Jersey Department of State, Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Commemorative Commission,  
please contact the Commission at (609) 777-4134,  
or e-mail the Commission at [mlk@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:mlk@sos.state.nj.us)  
or visit the Commission's Web site: [www.njmlkcommission.com](http://www.njmlkcommission.com)

**Scholarship Nomination Form – New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission  
2003-2004 Award Year**

*All forms must be signed and returned with the nomination package in order for the application to be complete. .  
NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 12, 2004.***

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS

**NOMINATOR**

*(Please type or print legibly)*

NAME OF STUDENT NOMINEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

\_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator is required to submit a Letter of Recommendation for the student. Please see page 9.**

**PERSONAL DATA - NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLOSURE**

I acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university in the State of New Jersey and that the nominee possesses a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.2.

Further, I hereby certify that the information provided in this nomination packet is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this nomination.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT PROFILE**

*All of the biographical information on the Student Personal Information Form must be completed. Please provide the current address only if it is different from the student's permanent address.*

**NAME OF STUDENT NOMINEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

New Jersey Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Telephone Number

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Telephone Number

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

By June 1, 2004, the nominee will have completed:

- ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate
- ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> year of College
- ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of College
- ☐ 4<sup>th</sup> Year of College (on a five year plan)
- ☐ Graduating seniors **(Graduating seniors must provide a letter of acceptance and enrollment from the graduate school they plan to attend.)**

Expected Date of College Degree completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete essays on pages 5 and 6.**

**DISCLOSURE**

I acknowledge that I am currently enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university in the State of New Jersey and that I possess a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.2.

Further, I hereby certify that the information provided in this nomination packet is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this nomination.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ESSAY #1**

1. Please provide a response of 300 words or less to one of the following two questions:
  - a) In what way(s) did the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have a lasting effect on American society?
  - b) Has the status of ethnic minorities in the United States changed in any significant way(s) since the time of Dr. King? If so, how? If not, why?

## **ESSAY #2**

2. Please provide a response of 300 words or less to the following question:

What are your personal/academic/career goals, and in what way do you hope to incorporate them toward the advancement of social justice, human rights and world peace?

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - NOMINATOR

On the enclosed form or on official letterhead, please provide a Letter of Recommendation for the nominee. Please consider the student's academic performance, commitment to academic study, and involvement in community service. Student should be engaged in a field of study that will enable him or her to further the causes championed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. including, but not limited to human rights, social justice, and world peace. You are welcome to include any other relevant comments that may be helpful in evaluating this student for the scholarship.

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - GENERAL (PERSONAL, ACADEMIC, NON-RELATIVE)**

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